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Serial No. : To be determined Examiner : Unknown
Filed : March 30, 2001
Title : METHOD FOR IDENTIFICATION AND DETECTION OF
MICROORGANISMS USING GYRASE GENE AS AN INDICATOR

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Add the following paragraph beginning at page 1, after the title but before the
"BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":

CROSS REFERENCE

This is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/208,688, filed December 10,
1998, which claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 343316/1997, filed
December 12, 1997.

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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to make a specific reference to co-pending US Application No. 09/208,688, filed December 10, 1998, which claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 343316/1997, filed December 12, 1997. The inventors in the present application remain the same as in 09/208,688. No new matter has been added.

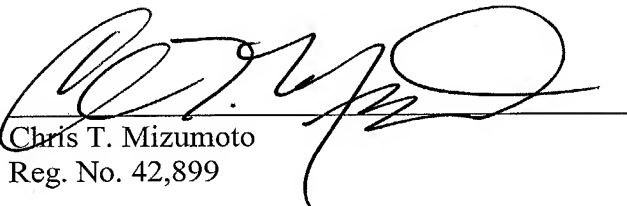
Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined. Please apply any charges or credits, if deemed necessary, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version with markings to show changes made

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